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"The situation in respect of venereal diseases offers a strong argument in favor of the early creation of a Commonwealth Department of Public Health."

### DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED DEC. 6, 1919.

From the "Weekly Health Index," Dec. 9, 1919, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

*Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended Dec. 6, 1919, infant mortality (per cent), annual death rates, and comparison with corresponding week of preceding years.*

City.	Population July 1, 1918, estimated.	Week ended Dec. 6, 1919.		Average annual death rate per 1,000. <sup>2</sup>	Per cent of deaths under 1 year.	
		Total deaths.	Death rate. <sup>1</sup>		Week ended Dec. 6, 1919.	Previous year or years. <sup>3</sup>
Albany, N. Y.	112,565	41	19.0	C 14.1	7.3	C 6.7
Atlanta, Ga.	201,732	64	16.5	C 19.1	20.3	C 9.7
Baltimore, Md.	<sup>a</sup> 669,981	209	16.3	A 16.9	11.5	A 14.5
Birmingham, Ala.	197,670	69	18.2	A 16.4	11.6	A 14.6
Boston, Mass.	785,245	187	12.4	A 16.2	18.2	A 14.5
Buffalo, N. Y.	473,229	165	18.2	A 16.6	13.9	A 14.6
Cambridge, Mass.	111,432	26	12.2	A 13.3	3.8	A 16.5
Chicago, Ill.	2,596,681	604	12.1	A 13.1	16.9	A 15.3
Cincinnati, Ohio	418,022	132	16.5	C 15.2	9.1	C 5.8
Cleveland, Ohio	810,306	173	11.1	C 10.6	19.7	C 16.5
Columbus, Ohio.	225,296	69	16.0	C 14.5	7.2	C 11.5
Dayton, Ohio.	130,655	29	11.6	A 13.1	20.7	A 8.9
Denver, Colo.	128,392	71	11.0	C 13.9	9.9	C 25.0
Fall River, Mass.	128,392	27	11.0	C 11.5	14.8	C 11.5
Grand Rapids, Mich.	135,450	35	13.5	C 10.2	5.7	C 10.6
Indianapolis, Ind.	290,389	83	14.9	C 17.3	14.5	C 17.6
Jersey City, N. J.	318,770	73	11.9	C 15.2	17.8	C 8.4
Kansas City, Mo.	313,783	86	14.3	C 14.2	9.3	C 9.5
Los Angeles, Calif.	568,485	129	11.8	A 13.3	11.6	A 11.6
Louisville, Ky.	242,707	75	16.1	C 14.9	13.3	A 20.5
Lowell, Mass.	109,081	28	13.4	A 18.3	25.0	C 5.7
Memphis, Tenn.	154,759	64	21.6	C 18.2	10.9	A 21.1
Milwaukee, Wis.	453,481	94	10.8	A 11.8	20.2	C 13.3
Minneapolis, Minn.	383,442	86	11.7	C 11.6	17.4	C 10.8
Nashville, Tenn.	119,215	36	15.7	C 16.3	11.1	C 18.6
Newark, N. J.	428,684	97	11.8	A 14.1	16.5	A 12.7
New Haven, Conn.	154,865	34	11.4	C 14.7	14.7	A 14.6
New Orleans, La.	382,273	113	15.4	A 21.6	8.0	A 10.2
New York, N. Y.	5,215,879	1,232	12.3	A 14.2	13.5	C 10.2
Oakland, Calif.	214,206	42	10.2	A 11.8	7.1	C 12.4
Omaha, Nebr.	180,264	26	7.5	C 15.2	26.9	C 8.7
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,761,371	507	15.0	<sup>4</sup> 18.2	17.4	C 15.9
Pittsburgh, Pa.	593,303	170	14.9	C 17.9	15.3	C 5.8
Providence, R. I.	263,613	55	10.9	C 13.9	14.5	C 10.9
Richmond, Va.	160,719	50	16.2	C 18.1	10.0	C 14.3
Rochester, N. Y.	284,856	75	14.8	C 9.8	13.3	C 8.5
St. Louis, Mo.	779,951	208	13.9	C 13.6	7.7	C 10.5
St. Paul, Minn.	257,699	55	11.1	C 7.8	9.1	C 7.2
San Francisco, Calif.	478,530	154	16.8	C 15.4	6.5	A 8.7
Seattle, Wash.	60	60	18.1	A 9.1	8.3	C 3.2
Spokane, Wash.	22	22	13.1	C 10.3	23.2	C 15.8
Syracuse, N. Y.	161,404	56	12.1	A 12.9	9.8	A 14.2
Toledo, Ohio.	262,234	61	14.7	A 17.0	10.6	A 9.3
Washington, D. C.	401,681	113	17.1	C 11.6	12.3	C 21.1
Worcester, Mass.	173,650	57	17.1	C 11.6	12.3	C 21.1

<sup>1</sup> Annual rates per 1,000 estimated population.

<sup>2</sup> "A" indicates data for the corresponding week of the years 1913 to 1917, inclusive. "C" indicates data for the corresponding week of the year 1917.

<sup>3</sup> Population estimated as of July 1, 1919.

<sup>4</sup> Data are based on statistics of 1915, 1916, and 1917.

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Dec. 6, 1919.*

Policies in force.....	40,981,508
Number of death claims.....	7,585
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	9.7